

C. Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claims 1-13 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A ~~Tire~~ tread (1, 101) for a tire, laterally defined

laterally by two sidewalls lateral faces (4, 104 and 5, 105) connecting joining radially inner and outer faces (2, 102 and 3, 103) together, said tread (1, 101) having a base of being comprised of an electrically insulating material, characterized in that it contains said tread has on its circumference at least one conductive layer (10, 110) appreciably joining the said sidewalls arranged to substantially connect said lateral faces (4, 104 and 5, 105) together, said layer (10, 110) having a resistivity less lower than that of said insulating material, which is radially provided radially on both sides (11, 111 and 12, 112) of said layer (10, 110) in said tread (1, 101).

2. (currently amended) The ~~T~~tread (1) according to Claim 1, characterized in

that the said at least one conductive layer (10) or each conductive layer appreciably joins the said sidewalls substantially connects said lateral faces (4 and 5) together, so such that it is interrupted opposite at least one of them said lateral faces.

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3. (currently amended) The ~~T~~tread (1) according to Claim 1 or 2, characterized

in that the said at least one conductive layer or each conductive layer (10) appreciably joins

~~the said sidewalls substantially connects said lateral faces (4 and 5), so such that it is interrupted opposite said radially inner and outer faces (2 and 3).~~

4. (currently amended) The Ttread (1, 101) according to ~~one of the foregoing claims~~ Claim 1 or 2, characterized in that ~~the said at least one conductive layer or each conductive layer~~ (10, 110) is ~~roughly substantially~~ parallel to ~~the~~ said outer face (3, 103).

5. (currently amended) The Ttread (1, 101) according to ~~one of the foregoing claims~~ Claim 1 or 2, characterized in that it ~~contains comprises~~ a single conductive layer (10, 110) provided at a distance ~~away from both one or the other~~ of said inner and outer faces (2, 102 and 3, 103) which is greater than or equal to one-quarter the thickness of said tread (1, 101).

6. (currently amended) The Ttread (1, 101) according to Claim 5, characterized in that said distance is equal to half the thickness of said tread (1, 101).

7. (currently amended) The Ttread (1, 101) according to ~~one of the foregoing claims~~ Claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the resistivity of said conductive layer (10, 110) is less than or equal to $10^8 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$, the resistivity of the said insulating material being greater than or equal to $10^8 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$.

8. (currently amended) The Ttread (1, 101) according to ~~one of the foregoing claims~~ Claim 1 or 2, characterized in that it ~~contains comprises~~ at least one conductive strip

or film (114, 114', 114a, 114b), which is provided to connect the said inner and outer faces (102, 103) together electrically.

9. (currently amended) The Tread (101) according to Claim 8, characterized in that it contains comprises two conductive strips or films (114) which are respectively provided on at the locations of the said sidewalls said lateral faces (104 and 105).

10. (currently amended) The Tread (101) according to Claim 9, characterized in that said strips or films (114) are extended respectively over on said outer face (103) by two electrically conductive circumferential peripheral bands (115).

11. (currently amended) The Tread (101) according to Claim 8, characterized in that it contains comprises, between said sidewalls lateral faces (104 and 105), at least one electrically conductive film (114') which connects said inner and outer faces (102 and 103) together.

12. (currently amended) The Tread (101) according to Claim 8, characterized in that it contains comprises, on one side firstly, at least one inner ribbon conductor conductive strip (114a) connecting said at least one conductive layer (110) or each conductive layer to said radially inner face (102) and, on the other, at least one outer rubber conductor external conductive strip (114b) connecting said at least one conductive layer or each conductive layer (110) to said radially outer face (103).

13. (currently amended) A Tire, characterized in that it contains a tread (1, 101)
according to ~~one of the foregoing claims~~ Claim 1 or 2.